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LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 1, 2002

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Pad Finnigan; Helen McGovern; JosÃ© Palmas and Doug Richardson.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Larry Humphrey.

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Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Jeff Butzlaff; City Attorney Heidi Horst; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush; Community Relations Manager Candice Bock and Parks Manager Mary Dodsworth.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff reminded the Council of the Council's retreat on April 3, 2002.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff reported that the initial meeting of the McNeil Island Advisory Board will be held on April 8, 2002.

Assistant City Manager Butzlaff reported on a tragedy and the loss of Kathy Schmieder's son in a fatal accident over the weekend.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisors Report

Youth Advisor Chang provided a status report on the activities of the Youth Advisors.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about twenty-six (26) blind corners in Lakewood and where fatal accidents

could occur.

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Ken Severe, 9644 Bridgeport Way SW, spoke about the ordinance on the collection of franchise fees. He indicated that it was more of an excise tax rather than a consumption tax. He proposed that Lakewood residents be taxed by kilowatt consumption rather than by electric rate and that all of Lakewood citizens should be paying the same rate rather than three different rates by three different utility providers.

Shirley Peterson, 7207 Onyx Drive, Keep Lakewood Beautiful, spoke about the Keep Lakewood Beautiful project in Tillicum/Woodbrook relative to the Cross Base Highway. She reported that Keep Lakewood Beautiful will continue with the beautification project and make adjustments based on the progress for constructing the Cross Base Highway. She then presented Jim Senko with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts and support on the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Board.

Hans Hechtman, representing AT&T Broadband, spoke about Ordinance No. 275 and that he did not agree with the impacts of the Ordinance as it relates to the negotiations that have been taking place with the City over the last year. He expressed concern about the Ordinance being burdensome and potentially unlawful to have AT&T tax above what is allowable under Federal statute.

Representative Mike Carrell reported that the Legislative issue with regard to the six predators at McNeil Island is somewhat resolved. He noted that six counties will need to share in taking these predators in their counties. He asked that the City, County and Legislature work together to coordinate efforts more frequently on matters that affect all levels of government for the mutual benefit of all.

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Esther Miller, 14511 Woodbrook Drive SW, spoke about the clean-up in Tillicum. She spoke about her interest in being able to attend meetings about the progress of the Cross Base Highway project.

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C O N S E N T A G E N D A

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 18, 2002.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of March 25, 2002.

C. Approval of payroll check numbers 104821 to 104844, in the amount of \$204,140.92, for the period March 1 - 15, 2002.

D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 17308 to 17408, in the amount of \$1,482,658.55, for the period ending March 20, 2002.

E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 17409 to 17489, in the amount of \$320,020.73, for the period ending March 28, 2002.

F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. City Events Committee meeting minutes of February 21, 2002.

2. Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 23, 2002.

G. Motion No. 2002-09

Setting Monday, April 15, 2002, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council to consider granting Lakeview Light and Power a twenty-year nonexclusive franchise to provide an electric light and power system in designated public rights-of-way in the City of Lakewood.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS AMENDED PAGE 4 OF THE MARCH 18, 2002 COUNCIL MINUTES TO REFLECT THAT SHE COMMENTED ON A TALK SHE PROVIDED TO THE YOUNG KOREAN ACADEMY.

DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 275 Creating Chapter 3.21 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the collection of franchise fees.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 275 TO THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2002. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

None.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Finnigan questioned the Boys and Girls Club \$5,000 Weed and Seed claim voucher and asked to meet with staff about the services provided by the Boys and Girls Club.

Councilmember McGovern announced that the fundraiser for Partners in Parks will be held on July 13, 2002, at the LeMay's resident. She also encouraged citizens to come to the May 14, 2002 Pierce County Council meeting to be held in the Lakewood Council Chambers to provide comments about matters concerning Lakewood.

She announced that April 27, 2002 is Park Appreciation Day.

Mayor Harrison spoke about a meeting he and Councilmember Richardson, City Manager Rohlf, and Finance and Systems Director Kidd had with the State Auditor on the 2000-year audit.

Mayor Harrison commented on the Rotary Pancake breakfast on March 31, 2002.

Mayor Harrison commented on a funding proposal by the Tacoma-Pierce County Visitor Convention Bureau.

Mayor Harrison complimented staff who prepared the City's Wellness Newsletter.

Mayor Harrison noted that many Lakewood restaurants were listed in the Health Department's brochure on Smoke Free Restaurants in Lakewood.

Mayor Harrison commented on a complimentary letter from Mayor Bill Baarsma of Tacoma supporting the Initiative 695 backfill funding.

Mayor Harrison complimented staff on the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Action Plan report.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK